

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1779 - HB 2699**

February 22, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013908):** Eliminates the five-year statute of limitations for challenging a voluntary acknowledgement of paternity on the basis of fraud, duress, or mistake of fact. Establishes that certain voluntary acknowledgements of paternity must be made by an unwed father to constitute a legal finding of paternity.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Eliminating the five-year statute of limitations for challenging a voluntary acknowledgement of paternity on the basis of fraud, duress, or mistake of fact will have no effect on the policies or procedures of the Department of Human Services (DHS); therefore, any fiscal impact to DHS is estimated to be not significant.
- Clarifying the circumstances required for certain voluntary acknowledgements of paternity is not estimated to have a fiscal impact on state or local government.
- Based on information previously provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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